



MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Homer-Center School Board
Homer City, PA 15748
Central Office Board Room
January 19, 2017

Members Present

Mr. Gerald Bertig
Mr. Michael Bertig
Mr. Logan Dellaflora
Mr. Daniel Fabin
Mr. Fred Hayes

Mr. James McLoughlin
Mrs. Julie Rado
Mrs. Vicki Smith
Mr. Justin Smyers

Members Absent

None

School Administrators Present

Dr. Charles J. Koren, Superintendent
Mr. Gregory Cessna, Business Manager
Mr. Michael Stofa, Elementary Principal
Mr. Jody Rainey, High School Principal
Mrs. Bethany Genchur, Special Education Director
Mr. Edward Sutter, Facilities Supervisor
Mrs. Rhonda Clifford, Board Secretary

Homer-Center Staff Present

Erin Hildebrand
Lisa Adams
Christina Bruno

Media Present

Josh Widdowson, 1160 WCCS
Chauncey Ross, Indiana Gazette
Greg Reinbold, Dispatch

Visitors

Morgan Nagle and Family
Bryanna Haer and Family
Mandy McElheny and Family

The Board held an executive session from 7:00-7:38 p.m. for personnel reasons.

President Vicki Smith called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance and reading of the Homer-Center Mission Statement opened the meeting. Nine members were present at roll call to comprise a quorum.

MINUTES

On a Hayes/Smyers motion approved the minutes from the December 15, 2016 Regular Meeting. Voice vote; unanimous.

VISITOR COMMENTS-None

SCHOOL BOARD APPRECIATION RECOGNITION

Dr. Koren presented the Board Members with a video made by our high school students for Board Appreciation. They also received a gift from the Band Boosters in appreciation for their continued support and dedication to our students. Each Board Member received a certificate from PSBA and enjoyed cake at the end of the meeting from the Administrators. Dr. Koren noted that the School Director Recognition Month Resolution from PSBA would be posted with the minutes of the meeting.

STUDENT RECOGNITION

Mr. Stofa introduced Bryanna Haer as the Wildcat Recognition Award recipient for January and Mrs. Erin Hildebrand presented her with her certificate and bowling and ice skating passes. Mrs. Hildebrand and Bryanna Haer presented the Board Members with a candy bar poster for Board Appreciation and Thank You cards for allowing them to attend their Second Grade Field Trip in January. Mr. Rainey introduced Mandy McElheny as the Wildcat Recognition Award recipient for January and presented her with her certificate and bowling and ice skating passes. Mr. Jerry Bertig presented Morgan Nagle with her Kiwanis Senior of the Month certificate. Mrs. Smith presented all with HC lapel pins on behalf of the Board.

REPORTS

1. ARIN IU 28- Mrs. Rado reported on the following: (1) Mr. Dave Norris reported on TAC Activities; (2) the IU helping ICTC with a business manager's position will not be going forward; (3) Panel for the League of Women Voters will meet on January 30, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.; (4) approved a 3% salary increase for Mr. Wagner with his new contract; (5) and the General Operating Budget was reviewed.
2. ICTC-Mrs. Smith reported on the following: (1) Looking at enrollment and programs and reviewing which would need eliminated; (2) still working on the Business Manager's position.
3. Building and Grounds-Mr. J. Bertig had no report.
4. Parks and Recreation –Mr. Smyers reported that they had a meeting with Representative Dave Reed regarding future grants. Most grants are matching fund grants, so there is a possibility they will not be able to receive any grant funds.
5. Academic Committee –Mr. M. Bertig noted their committee minutes were attached to the Board Minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. McLoughlin read the Treasurer's Report and Cafeteria Cash Statement for December 31, 2016. On a Rado/Fabin motion, the reports were approved. Voice vote; unanimous.

BILLS

On a J. Bertig/Dellaflora motion the general fund, cafeteria and capital reserve fund bills for January, 2017 were approved for payment. Poll vote; motion carried 9-0.

BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Cessna reported that interest earned during December, 2016 amounted to \$787.24.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

PERSONNEL

Certified Personnel

On a Dellaflora/Smyers motion approved the following: (1) the following as substitutes, Mr. Jason Fallara, Ms. Casey Sirochman and Miss Shannen Snyder; (2) unpaid day for Mrs. Lisa Golec, school nurse, on April 28, 2017. Voice vote; unanimous.

Support Personnel

On a Fabin/J. Bertig motion approved the following: (1) five unpaid days for Mrs. Stephanie Rado, instructional aide, on February 3, 6, 7, 8 and 9, 2017; (2) four unpaid days for Mrs. Denise Sheely, instructional aide, on March 29-April 3, 2017; (3) unpaid days for Mrs. Lauren Yackuboskey, instructional aide, on an as needed basis. Voice vote; unanimous. Mrs. Julie Rado abstained on Item #1 as this is her niece.

Supplemental Personnel

On a McLoughlin/Rado motion approved the following supplemental positions for track: Mr. Brandon Payne, Boys Head Track Coach at a salary of \$4,979; Mr. Gene Raymond as Assistant Boys Track Coach at the salary of \$2,412; Mrs. Tracey Page as Girls Head Track Coach at a salary of \$4,979; and Mr. Dave Cook as Assistant Girls Track Coach at the salary of \$2,412. Poll vote; motion carried 9-0.

EDUCATION

On a Fabin/McLoughlin motion approved the following: (1) Homebound instruction for an elementary student (Tracking #16-17-02) effective retroactive to December 16, 2016; (2) Mrs. Bethany Genchur to attend the PDE Conference 2017 in Hershey, PA on March 8-10, 2017. Cost to the district is \$492. Voice vote; unanimous

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

On a McLoughlin/Smyers motion denied the request of Mr. Pangonis, Mrs. Woods and seniors to attend a three day, two night Senior Trip to Virginia Beach and Busch Gardens either May 21-23 or May 17-19, 2017. There was no cost to the district. Poll vote; motion was not

carried by a 4-5 vote. Voting no were Mr. Fabin, Mr. J. Bertig, Mrs. Rado, Mr. Hayes and Mrs. Smith.

On a Rado/Fabin motion approved Mrs. Curci, Ms. Buffone and 9th grade students to attend Triangle Tech in Greensburg, PA on March 1, 2017 to tour the facilities. All costs are covered by Triangle Tech. Voice vote; unanimous.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

On a M. Bertig/Smyers motion approved the following use of building and grounds: (1) Mr. Bob Rado and the Homer-Center Boosters using the high school gym for a Summer Basketball Camp on June 12-16, 2017 from 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. and for a Basketball Shooting Clinic on June 19-23, 2017 from 7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. All fees have been waived; (2) Mr. Jon Stolarz and the Indoor Percussion/Guard to use the high school and elementary gym for an Indoor Percussion Show on April 8, 2017 from 8:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m. The group will be charged security fees; (3) Mr. Jon Stolarz to use the high school auditorium and cafeteria on January 20, 2017 from 7:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. for County Band. All fees have been waived; (4) Mrs. Carrie George and the Band Boosters to use the elementary cafeteria/gym area on Sunday, March 12, 2017 from 1:00-6:00 p.m. for a Basket Party Fundraiser. The group will be charged custodial fees; (5) Mr. Aaron Marshall and Evergreen Boys and Girls Club to use the Elementary LGI Room on the following dates and times: January 23, 2017, Parent Education Night 5:30-6:30 p.m.; January 30, 2017 Family Fun Night 5:30-6:30 p.m.; February 21, 2017 Staff Training 4:00-6:30 p.m. All fees have been waived; (6) Mrs. Julie Arone and the PTA to use four Elementary classrooms to have an After School Movie Night on January 27, 2017 from 3:30-5:30 p.m. All fees have been waived. Voice vote; unanimous.

CAFETERIA – No report at this time.

POLICIES

On a Smyers/Dellaflora motion adopted the revisions to School Board Policy #214, Pupils, Class Rank as noted in Appendix A. Poll vote; motion carried 5-4. Voting no were Mrs. Rado, Mr. Hayes, Mr. McLoughlin and Mrs. Smith.

TRANSPORTATION

On a Dellaflora/Smyers motion approved the following as spare bus drivers for the 2016-17 school year: Mrs. Christy Bennett, Mr. Dean Zug and Mr. James Harvey. Voice vote; unanimous.

BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

On a Hayes/Rado motion approved the resolution that the Homer-Center School District will not increase any school district tax for the 2017-2018 school year at a rate above the Act 1 index as calculated by the Pennsylvania Department of Education noted in Appendix B. Poll vote; motion carried 9-0.

On a Hayes/McLoughlin motion approved the following: (1) the Nursing Services Agreement with ICTC as noted in Appendix C; (2) the Tuition Agreement with New Story for an elementary student at the cost of \$290/day for the remainder of the 2016-2017 school year. Poll vote; motion carried 9-0.

OTHER REPORTS

Mr. Stofa reported on the following: (1) Sixth Grade Spelling Bee was conducted on Friday, January 13, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. in the Cafetorium. Winners included: Third Place, Ashli Mumau; Second Place, Annaleigh Spade and First Place, Mark Perry. McKenzie Greenawalt will serve as alternate; (2) PTA Meeting was held on January 9th and Movie Night has been scheduled for January 27th from 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Mr. Rainey reported on the following: (1) Thanked the Board for their service and dedication to the students; (2) Indiana County Band Festival was held in the Homer-Center High School on January 20th. A public performance will be at 7:00 p.m. with adult admission at \$4 and student admission at \$3; (3) Parent/Teacher Conferences are scheduled for February 9th from 3:00-7:00 p.m.; (4) KCAC Heritage Conference Championships arrangements moving forward. S&T Bank is the sponsor; (5) West Pac and Conference Meets will continue next year.

Mrs. Genchur reported on the following: (1) K-6 Math Core Team to align curriculum with the grade as well as across grades; (2) Elementary Data Meetings – Midyear assessments have been completed; (3) High School PLN – Penn Literacy Network will be using the concept of the elementary school’s “Twenty Minute Take Away” and created a “Wildcard Wednesday”.

Mr. Sutter reported on the following: (1) He is enjoying the mild winter weather so far but noted there is a lot going on; (2) Playground Project – met with three groups for the engineering requirements; (3) Parts for the unit ventilators will be coming next week.

REPORT OF HCEA REPRESENTATIVE-Mrs. Adams

Mrs. Adams noted that the Wildcat Tale had been emailed to the Board. She also thanked the Board Members for their service and a donation was made to the Foundation Committee on their behalf from the HCEA. Dr. Koren noted that Mrs. Adams and Mrs. Cook are to be commended on their Open Educational Resources Network usage. We are the only school to use it to date, as noted at a recent SAC Meeting.

REPORT OF HCESP PRESIDENT- No Report – Not In Attendance

REPORT OF BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. Fabin noted that he and Vicki Smith participated in the PLW 7th Grade Stem Class regarding engineering. He noted what a great experience it was. He commended the teachers and students for embracing it. Mr. McLoughlin thanked everyone for the gifts and the video. Mr. Hayes noted there are challenges for funding for education which are of great concern. But

he is impressed with our staff and students and their eagerness to learn. Mrs. Rado thanked the Band Boosters for the gift and the school for the great video. Mr. J. Bertig noted that he attended the Band Boosters meeting on Tuesday, January 17th to represent the Board for School Board Appreciation. He enjoyed hearing about the many things that the band boosters are involved with and all their fundraising efforts and he is happy with the growth of the program. Mr. Smyers, Mr. M. Bertig and Mr. Dellafiora had no reports. Mrs. Smith thanked everyone for the gifts and recognition and noted that they do not do it for recognition, but as a service. However, it is nice to receive the recognition.

On a McLoughlin/Hayes motion the meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m. Voice vote; unanimous.

Submitted for board approval,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rhonda Clifford". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rhonda Clifford, Board Secretary

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Vicki Smith, Board President